

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] Such large diameter delivery catheters or sheaths as described herein provide for the delivery of large diameter devices to, for example, the aorta and iliac arteries. Examples of such implantable medical devices include stents and stent-graft devices for the repair or exclusion of aneurysms. Such sheaths preferably have a diameter of from about 14 to 36 French, more preferably from 16 to 30 French, even more preferably from 44 20 to 26 French and most preferably 22 or 24 French.